

A CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Randolph Relihan Smith

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Saint Paul's Church, Augusta, Georgia

**July 11, 2019
Two o'clock in the afternoon**

A Note About this Service

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD: RITE TWO

Organ Voluntary

Keith Shafer

Processional Hymn

“Shall we gather at the river”

Hanson Place



1 Shall we ga - ther at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down,
3 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - gri-mage will cease,



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er, flow - ing by the throne of God.
Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will qui - ver with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll ga - ther at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er,



Ga - ther with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

The Anthems

The Reverend George D. Muir

Officiant I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

The Collect for Burial

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Randy, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

"Balm grown near Jericho where I worked many times."

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed

whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to

heal the sin - sick soul. 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you

think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly
can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament

Isaiah 12:2-6

Monica Smith

Lector A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

**The First Song of Isaiah
The Saint Paul's Choir**

Jack Noble White

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. - Isaiah 12:3-6

The New Testament

Acts 9:1-6

Dr. Randy Cooper

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 602

"Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love"

Chereponi

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
- 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
- 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

“A young Palestinian surgeon, after operating late one night in Tulkarem in the West Bank, asked Dr. Smith, “Why are you here?” To which he answered that he was his neighbor and told the story of the Good Samaritan.”

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 620

“Jerusalem, my happy home”

Land of Rest



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Homily

The Reverend Rodger B. Murchison

“What would you have me do?”

Remarks

**Dr. Randy W. Cooper
Randolph Relihan Smith Jr.**

Officiant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

The Apostles Creed

Said by all standing

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Please kneel as you are able

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant For our brother Randy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Officiant Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us all who mourn for Randy, and dry the tears of those who weep.
People ***Hear us, Lord.***

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.
Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.
Hear us, Lord.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.
Hear us, Lord.

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Additional prayers may be added

Officiant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Randy, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages.
Amen.



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

The Commendation

All stand.

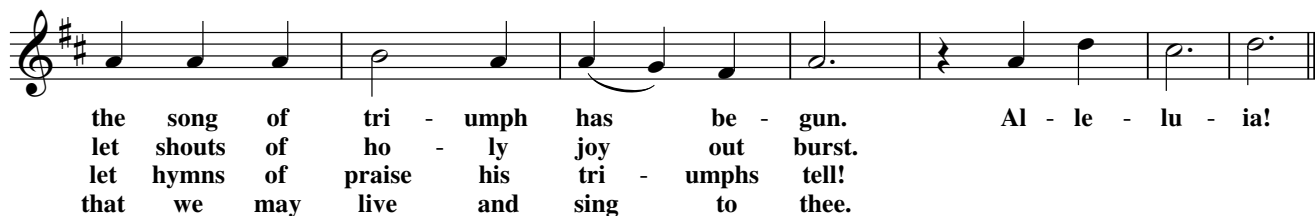
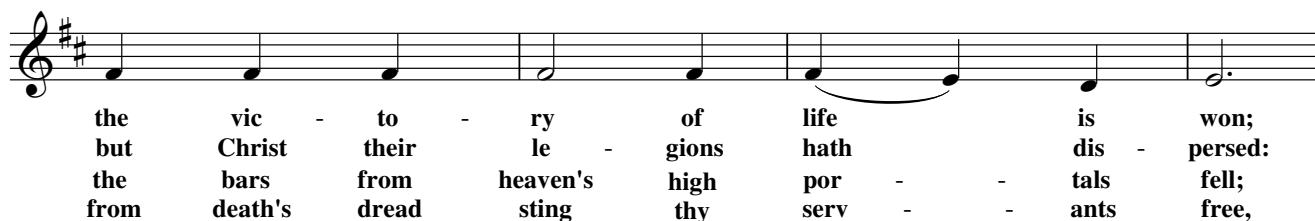
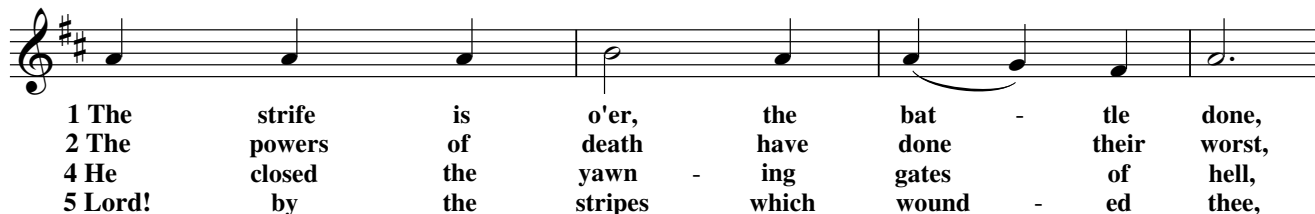
Officiant Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

People ***where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

Officiant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People ***Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.***

Officiant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Randy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. ***Amen.***

Antiphon at beginning and end**The Dismissal**

Officiant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Keith Shafer

*You are invited to join the family and friends for visitation in the River Room.
 Memorial gifts may be made to University Health Care Foundation and Saint Paul's Church.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SERVICE

The Reverend George D. Muir	Officiant
Todd Shafer, Lindsey Vanhook, Adrienne Massie, Hugh Baird, Jack Butler	Verger and Acolytes
Monica Smith, Dr. Mac Bowman, Dr. Randy Cooper	Lectors
Keith Shafer	Organist
Ben Mason, Bobby Wright, Louis Walker, June Shafer, Lou Teeslink, Rex Teeslink	Ushers

WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

We are glad you are here. No matter who you are, no matter where you come from, and no matter where you are on the journey of life — you are welcome in this church. We invite you to participate in our worship service, or simply observe, as you wish.

We hope you will find Saint Paul's to be a place of refreshment and renewal, where you experience the presence of the risen Christ. We have been serving Christ in this location for over two hundred sixty years. While our building is old and beautiful, our mission is contemporary and forward moving. Here you will find a people very much connected with the questions and struggles of modern life, of faith, and of following the way of Jesus.

We invite you to share your contact information on a visitor's card, located in each pew. Hand it to one of our clergy, an usher, or place it in the offering plate.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:45 - 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast <i>Tyler Hall</i>
9:30 - 10:30 am	Christian Formation Classes for All Ages
10:30 - 10:45 am	Coffee & Conversation <i>Tyler Hall</i>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Following the 11:00 am Service	Lemonade on the Lawn
12:00 - 2:30 pm	EYC (Episcopal Youth Community, Grades 6-12) <i>Please check calendar for meeting dates.</i>
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Celtic Evening Prayer & Communion with prayers for healing

Nursery care offered in the Children's Ministry Center (CMC) 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.

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